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DEPT FOR ARA LABOR ADVISOR O'GRADY, PLEASE PASS MC LELLAN AND
DOHERTY; GENEVA FOR HOROWITZ

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: LABOR MINISTER COMMUNIQUE REGARDING ILO CONFERENCE

REF: BUENOS AIRES 3908

1. LABOR MINISTRY ISSUED COMMUNIQUE MAY 27 ANNOUNCING UNANIMOUS
DECISION OF ARGENTINE LABOR LEADERS NOT TO FIELD DELEGATION TO
THE 63RD ILO CONFERENCE. TRYING TO PUT THE BEST FACE POSSIBLE ON
LABOR'S DECISION, THE MINISTRY CALLED IT "AN ADDITIONAL PIECE OF
EVIDENCE PROVING THAT LIBERTY CURRENTLY EXISTS IN ARGENTINA."

2. WITH REGARD TO POSSIBLE GOA AND EMPLOYER PARTICIPATION
IN THE CONFERENCE, THE COMMUNIQUE SAID: "ACCORDING TO THE RULES
OF THE ORGANIZATION, NON-ATTENDANCE BY THE WORKER SECTOR MAKES
EMPLOYER PARTICIPATION UNNECESSARY. HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT RE-
SERVES THE RIGHT TO SEND ITS OWN REPRESENTATIVES." COMMUNIQUE
THEN GOES ON (SOMEWHAT OMINOUSLY) TO LAMENT FACT THAT THE
DECISION OF THE UNION
SECRETARIES GENERAL TAKINGPLACE AT A TIME WHEN THE ARGENTINE
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ARMED FORCES ARE ATTEMPTING TO BRING PEACE TO THE
COUNTRY, ERADICATE "MARXIST AGGRESSPMN," AND BRING ABOUT A PROCESS
OF NATIONAL REORGANIZATION.
IT IS ALSO LAMENTABLE, CONTINUES
THE COMMUNIQUE, THAT THE DECISION OCCURS PRECISELY AT THE
MOMENT "IN WHICH THERE IS AN INTENT IN THAT INTERNATIONAL
FORUM (ILO) TO QUESTION OUR COUNTRY AND SUBVERSIVE

DELINQUENT FUGITIVES HAVE BEEN OBSERVED IN GENEVA PREPARING TO USE THAT ORGANIZATION IN ORDER TO ATTACK THE REPUBLIC, ITS INSTITUTIONS AND OUR NATIONAL BEING."

3. ILO OFFICIALS IN BUENOS AIRES INFORMED US SOME WEEKS AGO THAT IF THE WORKERS DID NOT SEAT A DELEGATION, THE GOA, UNDER ILO NORMS, WOULD ONLY BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE WITH VOICE, BUT NOT VOTE.

4. OF ALL THE GOA OFFICIALS IN THE LABOR AREA, UNDERSECRETARY (CAPTAIN) DALL'ASTA IS THE MOST FRANK AND ACCESSIBLE. US DELEGATION MAY WISH TO APPROACH DALL'ASTA IN GENEVA IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER GOA PLANS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE.

EMBASSY WILL REPORT FURTHER AS MORE INFORMATION DEVELOPS HERE.

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